

Sample Proclamation

Whereas, government records ensure the rights of citizens, secure property, uphold laws, and allow for continuity and accountability of government; and

Whereas, the archives of Kentucky's public records have a beneficial impact on the lives of every citizen and extend far beyond government; and

Whereas, 2008 is the 50th Anniversary of Kentucky's Public Records Law, that ensures preservation of and access to Kentucky's government records; and

Whereas, the State Archives and Records Commission was created in 1958 to oversee government records of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the public records archives of Kentucky are required by law to safeguard important government archival resources and to allow open access to records, while guaranteeing individual privacy; and

Whereas, it is important to safeguard each land transaction, each case file, each license, each database, and all other records created by government, because all are important for documenting citizens' interactions with public agencies, securing citizen rights over time, and requiring accountability of government; and

Whereas, the traditions and histories of Kentucky are documented in the rich public records holdings in archives across the state, particularly in the central repository for government records, the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives; and

Whereas, the citizens of the Commonwealth rely on the work of archivists, records managers, and others who care for these resources to preserve and make them available for present and future generations,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, County Judge/Executive of _____ County, commend those who are responsible for maintaining our documentary heritage in small and large archival repositories throughout the state, encourage all citizens of this state to learn more about our archives, and declare the month of October to be

Kentucky Archives Month

Done this day, the ____ of October, 2008,
in _____, Kentucky.

Judge/Executive